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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From **Friday** September 1ſt. to **Monday** September 4th. 1710.

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GENTLEMEN,

Q. *PRAY, O lige one of your old Subſcribers in a Matter Relating to Conſcience.*

My Father and Mother were both Quakers *and Diea ſo; I went amongſt them till I was Fifteen Years of Age, and uſed often to make my ſelf Sick, when in Health, becauſe I would not go to their Meetings. About Sixteen Years of Age I was put Apprentice to one of another Opinion; before my time was out, I counted it my Duty to be Baptiſed, and ſoon after the Miniſter made Enquiry after my Converſation, and Encouraging me to come to the Sacrament, which I did, and have been a Member of the* Church of England *theſe Ten Years. But within theſe Two Years I have thought the* Quakers *a very Sober People, and ſuch as Worſhipped* God *with a Pure Heart. I have often Slept when hearing Sermons, but I can ſet in their Meetings Two Hours and not Sleep, and am very much Affected with their Speaking. This is not a ſudden Motion; if ſo, I might think it was from the* Devil.

Pray, Gentlemen, *Give your ſpeedy Anſwer, and Reſolution and Advice in this Matter, and you will highly Oblige,*

Yours to Command, S. S.

A. We Grant with the Queriſt, that the *Quakers* in Reſpect to their Life and Converſation are generally a Sober People, but their Opinions in Religion are Dangerouſly Erroneous, beſides that they are *Sciſmaticks*; ſo that no one can ſafely Communicate with them. If we ſhou'd deny them the Name of *Chriſtians* we ſhu'd Perhaps be thought too Violent and Severe. But if we ſhou'd but mention the Strange and Blaſphemous Poſitions which ſome of their moſt admired Writers have aſſerted concerning the Nature of *Chriſt* as that there never was any ſuch Man in the Fleſh as *Chriſt Jeſus* but that what we call ſo was nothing elſe but a Divine Light, enlightning the twelve Apoſtles and enabling them to perform thoſe Miracles that are reported, with ſuch other like Abſurdities contradictory to all Senſe and Reaſon, we cou'd, we preſume ſufficiently juſtifie that Cenſure. In ſhort they are a People that have neither Creed, (for it is not agreed among them what to beleive) nor Sacraments, nor Orders, nor any Rule to guide them by but their pretended *Light within*, by the Direction of which ſeveral of them have done and uttered ſuch mad and extravagant Things as juſtly rendred them Examples of Publick Juſtice. 'Tis true that that Epidemical Frenzy with which the firſt Founders of this Sect were ſeized has been of late Years abated: Notwithſtanding the Poyſon of their Doctrine ſtill continues. We cannot therefore attribute the Queriſt's Inclination to them to any good Cauſe, but preſume it proceeds either from Diabolical Suggeſtions, or ſome Remains of the Prejudice of his firſt Education, or from ſelf Conceit and Affectation of Singularity, or from (as it does moſt frequently) from an Ignorance of the Grounds of Religion. So that in order to confirm and ſettle his Faith, We can only recommend to him Prayer, Humility, and a more diligent Attention both in hearing of Sermons, and reading the Scriptures.

Q. Learned Gentlemen, *There is a moſt Strange and Wonderful Relation of* Mr. Simon Wolf, *a Patient of* St. Bartholomew's-Hoſpital, *for the Rheumatiſm, who fell Aſleep about Eleven of the Clock in*

the Clock in the Forenoon, on Saturday *being the* 5th *of* August, 1710, *and he continued in that Sleeping Condition, till* Thursday *the* 10th *of the ſaid Month. Now, ſome Spectators, imputing this his Sleep to Sloth and Idleneſs, they made what Noiſe they cou'd by throwing Stools, Chairs, Tables, Boxes, Trunks,* &c. *about the Room, which beſides the Hollowing in his Ears, pricking him with Pins and Needles, pulling him and pinching him by the Noſe, Ears, Arms, Legs, and all could not Awake him. This Sleeping Faculty does conſtantly attend him Yearly in* Auguſt *for* 5 *Days together.*

Now, Learned Gentlemen, *If you can Solve what the Reaſon of it ſhou'd be, you ſhall no more be call'd* Learned Gentlemen, *but* Wiſe Apollo.

Yours, Daniel Day.

A. This Diſtemper is called by Phyſicians a *Cataus*, which is defined by them a profound Sleep, in which all Motion and Senſe is taken away by Reaſon of the Obſtruction of the Spirits, notwithſtanding the Reſpiration continues free. Of this there are ſeveral Accidental Cauſes reckon'd up, as the Compreſſion, Obſtruction, Refrigeration, and Concuſſion of Brain; the Diſorder of the Animal Spirits, by any Blow or Fall; the hurting of the Muſcle of the Temples, and Carotid Arteries, Worms, Coal, Smoak, and ſometimes the Rays of the Moon's Light. But the moſt general Cauſe of this Diſtemper is Phlegm (under which Word we comprehend all Watry, Cold and moiſt Excretions of the Brain) which being immoderately Coagulated in the Head, and not only Obſtructed in the Paſſages deſign'd for its Evacuation, but likewiſe Suppreſſed, muſt neceſſarily bring a Deluge of Cold Humors upon the Brain and ſo cauſe this profound Sleep and Supidity. *Foreſtus* tells us of one who was Seized with a *Cataus* for Fourteen Days, whom notwithſtanding he afterwards Cured. And *Fernelius* ſaw another that was ſcarce free from it, for Three whole Months together; and tho' his Scull was opened in that Time, yet he neither percieved nor remembred any Thing of it.

Q. Gentlemen, *How come it to paſs that the Right Hand of a Man is generally more Nimble, Active and Strong than the Left?*

A. Becauſe the Right Hand has in it more Heat, which is the Principle of Strength and Activity. And the Reaſon why it has more Heat is becauſe it is not only on the ſame ſide with the Right Ventricle of the Heart, in which the Blood is more Hot and quick in motion; nor only becauſe the Liver which is the Source of the Blood is more near to it than the other Hand; nor only, as *Hippocrates* obſerves, becauſe the Veins of all the Parts of the Right ſide of the Body are fuller and larger than the other; but alſo and eſpecially becauſe the Right Hand is placed on that ſide which always ought firſt to begin to move. For as the Animal Spirits are the Inſtruments of all the Actions of the Body, and as Nature Furniſheth thoſe Parts moſt Plentifully with them where their Force is moſt required, it is not to be doubted but the right ſide partakes of the greater Quantity of them. Hence it comes that thoſe Parts of the Right ſide which are of no Service to the Motion of the Body, do notwithſtanding partake of that Force and Vigor which was deſigned for the Promoting this Action only. For the Right Eye is more Strong and Exact than the Left; and generally Speaking moſt Diſtempers that Affect the Body begin uſually on the Left ſide, which are leſs Hot, and conſequently Weaker than the other.

Q. Gentlemen, *Why are Widows more forward to Marry than Maids?*

Yours, I. T.

A. They who have had good Husbands, are Tempted into the State again, by the Happineſs they Enjoy'd before. They, who have had bad ones, by Habit with them, are not ſo Fearful of Meeting with the like, and have a Chance for a better, and then their Felicity will be advanced, on the Reflection upon their former Unhappineſs: Thus a Fair Prize Tempts many into a Lottery, tho' great odds againſt them that they may be loſers: Beſides the Widows may be Conſcious, that if they ſhou'd again have bad Husbands, they may find what may in ſome Meaſure Compenſate for the Ill Fortune, the bare hinting whereof, is ſufficient to the Apprehenſive. But Maids are poſſeſs'd with a Panick Fear of entring upon a State, they are wholly Strangers to.

Q. *Whether going into the Water, Weakens or Strengthens Perſon?* *Yours,* &c.

A. It Strengthens and Renders the Body hardy whilſt in Child-hood and Youth and Practiſed by Advice of ſuch, who are Proper Judges of the Conſtitutions, and State of ſuch Perſons Bodies; but ſuch Cuſtoms debilitate Aged and Infirm People; the Reaſons are Obvious.

Q. APOLLO, *It is above a Month ſince I deſir'd your Advice in a moſt Deplorable Caſe under the Name of* Dolorolo, *&c.*

A. By what Accident ſoever the Miſcarriage might happen, we aſſure you we do not remember any ſuch Letter came to our Hands, but if you pleaſe to ſend the Subſtance of it again, and if it be fit for the Publick and not too long, we ſhall return an Anſwer.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, tell me the Reaſon why a* Chequer *is plac'd at* Ale-Houſe *Doors?*

Yours, John Wyat.

A. This was Anſwered in a former Volume, to which our Index will direct you.

POEMS.

Q. APPOLO *I would be adviſed be*
And know of thee if I am free
From one I do love as my life
And of't vow'd ſhe ſhould be my Wife
And we two did ſo well agree
That before God moſt true to be
We often ſwore nothing ſhould part
Us two but death we'd but one heart
But cruelty it doth invade
My parents thay do me perſwade
And I would pleas them but it's ſtill
With fear and much againſt my will
For fear that I ſhould never thrive
I'm ſwore to be hurs wileſt a live
As that is true then after death
I fear could be wores then on earth
She is not willing to ſet me clear
And without hur will i'm ſtill in fear
Therefore I deſire to know of thee
If without hur leave I can be free

And

And as I could venter for hur ſake
Woat is the beſt way for to take
So if ſenceirly you adviſe what is beſt
With your grave counſel i'll be at reſt

A. Alas! alas! it is in vain,
To hope to free thee from Love's Chain;
Or if Love's Chain's above thy Taſt,
Love's Halter will hold thee as faſt.
Nay more, we Reaſons have enough,
To Fear thou art Plung'd in Love's Slough;
Since all thy Thoughts as Muddy ſeem,
As if thou w'rt in Lethargic Dream:
And what's worſe yet ten Thouſand Times,
Thou nought can'ſt Write, but Wicked Rhimes:
Thoſe true Enthuſiaſtic Fits,
Of Morta's run out of their Wits.
Excuſe us then if we don't Strickle,
To get the out o'this Scurvey Pickle.
Since if we granted thy deſire,
Thy Miſtreſs ſtill wou'd be i'th' Mire;
Who will not part with her dear Cudden,
Leaſt it ſhou'd break her Heart o'th' ſudden,
And we're engag'd to give our Votes,
For any Thing in Petticoa's:
Beſides, ſince ſhe ſuch Charms thinks in ye,
It ſhews ſhe's ſuch another Ninny;
And which as plainly does diſcover,
That ye were made for one another;
Fear not your Friends, in vain they'll ply,
To part thoſe, join'd by Deſtiny.

Q. *Since the* God *I revere,*
To whoſe Oracles *clear,*
We owe what Inſtructs and Delights,
I'll boldly Petition,
(Firſt Stating Condition)
Redreſs for my Troubleſome Nights.

Having Acted no Wrong,
To my Knowledg, among
The various Affairs of my Life;
My Hours Slide away,
With Eaſe ev'ry Day,
I'm a Stranger to Faction or Strife.

I'm not very Poor,
Nor bound in much Store,
To Peſter my Noddle with Thought;
Nor do I R pine,
At the more Rich, or Fine,
Content with my Moderate Lot.

What freedoms I uſe,
Ne'er muſt to abuſe,
Exceſs turns Pleaſure to Will;
Nor do I neglect,
That Church to Reſpect,
Which Heav'n *has bleſt in this Iſle.*

I care not a Fig,
Whether Tory *or* Whig,
Sits at the Helm *of Affairs;*
So the Queen *and the* Church,
Are not left in the Lurch,
They Heartily ſhare in my Prayers.

No Caprice of ſprite,
Or Goblin by Night,
Awake, confounds me with Care;
Nor was I appall'd,
When Honour *has call'd,*
My Arm to Action in War.

But yet when oppreſs'd,
Nature's Dictates to reſt,
Horrid Viſions my Fancy alarm;
Confus'd, Incoherent,
And changing each Moment
But always in ſome hideous Form.

Bright Delians *excuſe,*
A heavy pac'd Muſe,
Nor ſlight a poor Suff'rer therefore;
But kindly adviſe,
How to reſt with cloſ'd Eyes;
Since for ev'ry Why *you've a* Wherefore?

A. We've anſwer'd before,
What now you explore;
And the Cauſes of *Dreams* have explain'd,
Amongſt which you'll find,
Such as trouble the Mind,
While their Images there be retain'd.

Since they which with dread,
Fly over your Head,
From nothing without do begin,
For the Cauſe you muſt look,
In a narrower Book,
And then you will find it within.

From Meals which are windy,
Or ſuch as will bind ye,
From whence Vapours flow like a Flood,
Or when, (tho' you eat)
You digeſt not your Meat,
Or from a deprav'd Maſs of Blood.

☞ Any Perſon may have the *Index* to the Second Volume of the *Britiſh Apollo*, alſo whole Sets Bound or Unbound, and Single Sheets to make up Sets of the ſaid Volume, of the Men in their Walks, or of *J. Mayo*, over againſt *Water-Lane, Fleet-Street.*

SIR,

THE Letters from *Milan*, of the 23d of *Auguſt* Adviſe, that it was Confirm'd from Genoa, that the Squadron of the Allies, have

have taken Water at Vado, and receiv'd ſome Troops on board, Sail'd for Barcelona the 14th. They Write from *Bruſſels*, *Sept.* 6th. That the Freſheſt Advices from Madrid being of the 19th of Auguſt, they cou'd not bring a Confirmation of the Second Battle, which according to the Letter of the Marquis de Mirabella (Tranmitted the laſt Poſt from Paris by the Neutral Miniſters reſiding there) was Fought on the 20th near Saragoſſa. That theſe Advices from Madrid Confirm that Count Staremberg had made himſelf Maſter of Moçon, Hueſca, Sarinnena and Eſtadilla, taking the Garriſons Priſoners of War; and that all Arragon had Submitted to him. The Printed Gazette of Madrid of the 19th of Auguſt, has an Account of an Action near Penalva in Arragon on the 15th. The Letters from the Camp of the Allies at *Lillers*, *Sept.* 3d. Adviſe that Yeſterday the Army Marched hither from the Camp at Viller Bruſin, that to Morrow they will March agen, and the Duke of Marlborough will take up his Quarters at St. Andre, within half a League of Aire. That the ſame Day 8000 Men were Detach'd to ſecure the Poſts about Aire and St. Venant, and they have an Account already that the Party which went towards Aire have Siez'd a Poſt within a League of it, where were 200 Men. 'Tis ſaid the Duke of Marlborough and Prinde Eugene will Command the Attacks againſt Aire, and that another General will make the Siege of St Venant: The firſt theſe Places has a Garriſon of 14 Battallions, and 2 Regiments of Dragoons, and in the other are 6 Battallions. The Enemies Army continue in their Intrench'd Camp covering Arras.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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At a General Meeting of the Preſent Subſcribers at *Serjeant's-Inn Hall*, in *Fleet Street*, on *Thurſday*, *Auguſt*, the 24th 1710, Six Truſtees where Choſen for the Year Enſuing, to whom Real Security is given for due Performance of Articles as by the Propoſals which may be had *Gratis*, at the Office, where may be ſeen a Liſt of the Truſtees.

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